



**San Diego County
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission**

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DRAFT MINUTES

January 12, 2006

Meeting Location: California Department of Fish and Game
4949 Viewridge Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123

COMMISSIONERS	DISTRICT
Jack Bransford, Chair	1
Paul Kelpin ABSENT	1
Florence Sloane	2
Ben Tulloch, Secretary	2
Rob Wilder	3
Teresa Barth	3
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D, Vice-Chair	4
Jim Dodd	4
Mike Pottorff	5
Jim Conrad	5

A. Meeting called to order at: 6:40PM.

B. Introductions:

Commissioners introduced themselves.

Others present at meeting:

Allen Greenwood	Representing: San Diego Trout
MaryAnne Bache	Representing: San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy
Sharla Fisler	Representing: Aquatic Adventures Science Education Foundation
Dawn Nielsen	Staff from Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures

C. Minutes for December 8, 2005 were approved as amended.

Changes: Jack Bransford noted that Mike Pottorff was absent from the meeting.

Motion to accept as corrected made by: Conrad Seconded by: Barth

Vote: The Motion was passed unanimously.

D. Public Comment

No Public Comment

E. Chairman's Report –

Commissioner Bransford thanked other Commissioners for the past year.

F. Administrative Items:

Old Business

1. Commission Video Project - (Pottorff/Conrad)

No new report.

2. San Diego Freshwater Fish Project (Pottorff)

A meeting was held yesterday attended by Larry Eng, Duane Maxwell, and Tim Hubby from DFG, Paul Curtis and Dr. Kent from Hubbs-SeaWorld, Chris Crull, Don Duff, Fisheries Biologist, Representatives from Trout Unlimited, Chris Campbell, Gary Strawn from SD Fly Fishers, Alan Greenwood from SD Trout, and Mike Pottorff. Commissioner Pottorff reported it was exciting to maintain relationships developed over the years with various fish related projects. Some of the groundwork is to match temperature to time of year. Pottorff and Alan Greenwood are taking temperatures to determine temperature peaks and water temperatures for the breeding season. With this information, they will be able to “monkey” with the water temperature to induce breeding to match to the wild. He reported this is already done with sea bass using lights. He explained at with the sea bass there are four big pools, with one of them mimicking springtime all the time. Hopefully we will be able to do that with the trout. Basically, they will be pursuing private sector avenues for funding; different agencies are unwilling to step on each other's feet. Pottorff is hopeful they will get funding from Fish and Game, but he is concerned that there may not be available funding resources even though there is a mandate through AB 720.

3. Monthly Meeting with CDFG (Bransford)

Change the name on this item to Commissioner Sloane as she will be serving as lead.

4. Handling of fines/forfeiture monies for Fish and Game (Sloane)

Commissioner Pottorff asked if Commissioner Sloane had been in contact with the District Attorney about money coming directly to Fish and Wildlife Commission and they would serve as escrow of funds.

5. Presentations by Government Agencies (Bransford)

BLM will be attending the next meeting. Commissioner Bransford wanted to ensure that the other Commissioners were agreeable to add special meetings at the regular Thursday date. He reported that the Cleveland National Forest had agreed in principle to present information at a special meeting in March or April. Staff reminded Commissioners the Fish and Game Code only allowed reimbursement of \$3,000 (maximum) for all administrative and support costs. The members asked what is the current staff cost, and staff replied that while she had not checked recently, she thought it was around \$10,000 per year. Discussion by the members indicated they thought that this number was high. Commissioner Bransford indicated that before this staff person, the number of meetings was not an issue. He recalled a member of the Board of Supervisors had told the Commission they could have as many meetings as they wanted. The cap on the funding of the support staff also was not the focus of the FWAC, rather the number of meetings.

A motion was made to request authorization from the Board of Supervisors to hold additional meetings to accommodate other agencies' schedules for presentation and for other purposes.

Motion made by: Barth Seconded by: Sloane

6. Business Cards (Smothers)

Commissioner Smothers asked the progress of the business cards. Staff reported that the cards were on ordered and she had expected them by the meeting.

7. Grant Applications (Bransford)

A motion was made to vote on the grant request serially in order.

Motion made by: Dodd Seconded by: Barth

Vote: The Motion was passed unanimously.

Grant #	Project Name	Description	Funds Requested	Organization	Contact
2005/06-07	Wetland Avengers: Education and Habitat Restoration	Purchase equipment for educating children from urban schools on wetlands, canyons, etc.	\$7,500	Aquatic Adventures Science Education Foundation	Shara Fisler

Vote: Yes: 6 No: 1 Abstain: 1
Grant # 2005/06-07 will be funded.

Grant #	Project Name	Description	Funds Requested	Organization	Contact
2005/06-08	Wildlife Guzzler Construction	Construct a guzzler to collect rainfall with an 800 g concrete storage tank and to provide access for animals. .	\$1,900	Quail Unlimited / Boy Scout Troop #384	David Preddy

Vote: Yes: 8 No: 0
Grant #2005/06-08 will be funded.

Grant #	Project Name	Description	Funds Requested	Organization	Contact
2005/06-09	Oceanside Senior Anglers Kids Sponsored Fishing Trips	4 Fishing Trips for Boys and Girls Club	\$6,000	Oceanside Senior Anglers	Fred Kaczmark

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 1
Grant #2005/06-09 will be funded.

Grant #	Project Name	Description	Funds Requested	Organization	Contact
2005/06-10	Nature Guide Series of San Elijo Lagoon	Design, and print 10,000 interpretive trail guides.	\$8,925 \$9,225	San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy	Maryanne Bache

Maryanne Bache reported at the last presentation. Since then she had revised her budget not to include staff related costs and had increased the amount to \$9,225.00

Vote: Yes: 8 No: 0
Grant # 2005/06-10 will be funded.

Total	\$24,625	
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Reintroduction of Antelope to San Diego County of San Diego (Conrad/Pottorff)
Conrad said they were waiting to hear a presentation from the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge to see if they were interested in re-introducing the antelope to previously populated areas.

9. Upcoming Fish and Wildlife Commission Elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary (Bransford)

Nominations from last meeting were as follows:

Chair: Commissioner Smothers
Vice Chair: Commissioner Sloane
Secretary: Commissioner Barth

Commissioner Bransford asked the vote on the slate of officers as proposed.
Vote: The vote for the new officers was approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Draft of Semi annual report

Staff presented a draft semi annual report. A motion was made to complete the blanks and add the required information and submit the report to the Board of Supervisors.
Motion was made by Tulloch, Seconded: Conrad Vote: The motion was passed unanimously.

G. Commissioner's Corner

D'erdra Smothers:

Reported that the State of the County address is February 7th, by new Chairperson, Bill Horn.

Asked that Day at the Docks on Sunday, April 23rd be added to the agenda.

Asked if 2005-03 for Game Bird Heritage Special Hunt Program was funded. Staff reported that it had been funded.

H. Adjournment Time: 7:45PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Dawn E. Nielsen*